

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/683,274

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to November 17, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-19 and 21-37.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on December 6, 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                    | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                              |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|                                                                                                                     | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                               |

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## DETAILED ACTION

### Remarks

1. The amendment filed on November 17, 2004 has been received and entered. Claims 4, and 20 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-19, and 21-37 are now pending.

### *Reasons for Allowance*

2. Claims 1-3, 5-19, and 21-37 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record (Meyer et al. -U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0143871 A1- and Rhodes et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,236,768 B1) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein the lexical context system identifies the lexical context for the candidate headword as the words to the left and the right of the candidate headword up to, but not including, a barrier word, as claimed in claim 1.

Claims 2-3, 5-16 are allowed over the prior art made of record, because they are dependent from the allowed independent claim 1.

The prior art of record (Meyer et al. -U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0143871 A1- and Rhodes et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,236,768 B1) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein the lexical context system identifies the lexical context for the candidate headword as the words to the left and the right of the candidate headword up to, but not including, a barrier word, as claimed in claim 17.

Claims 18-19, and 21-32 are allowed over the prior art made of record, because they are dependent from the allowed independent claim 17.

The prior art of record (Meyer et al. -U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0143871 A1- and Rhodes et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,236,768 B1) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein the lexical context system identifies the lexical context for the candidate headword as the words to the left and the right of the candidate headword up to, but not including, a barrier word, as claimed in claim 33.

Claims 34-37 are allowed over the prior art made of record, because they are dependent from the allowed independent claim 33.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 571-272-4074.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on 571-272-4038. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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